Usage of such non-chemicals mostly result in decrease in the use of conventional agrochemicals. Figures of production of such non-chemicals and the areas covered by them are not monitored in this Ministry.

'TRIPS' to hit Indian Drug Industry

3017. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "TRIPS will hit Indian drug industry", as reported in the Statesman dated 21st December, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Drug Manufacturer's Association has excursed its serious concern on Government's acceptance of the Dunkel proposals;

(c) whether the permission to allow TRIPS to be a part of negotiations is also a blunder committed by Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) No Sir. All participants in the Uruguay Round including India agreed to the inclusion of TRIPS in the agenda in 1986. The Uruguay Round results, have to be evaluated as a whole.

Disparity in Drug Prices

3018. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Rhone Poulanc is selling 4 tablets of Perfloxacin for Rs. 51.20 whereas Wockhardt is selling the same tablets at Rs. 28/-;

(b) what are the reasons for which consumers are being subjected to suffer losses in this manner and monitoring quad is totally ineffective;

(c) whether it is also a fact that once India becomes a party to Dunkel the prices are likely to become higher by 5 to 10 times, as is the case in Pakistan;

(d) why there is vide disparity in the prices of Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole fomulations inspite of the ceiling price and why overcharging is being tolerated; and

(e) what is the price situation in respect of Nolapse, Oriprime, Sepmax, Septran, Servonrim: Stanboxsugarprim, Synastat, etc. and how high prices are being charged with or without approval of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRG): (a) and (b) Pefloxacin formulation are outside price control. As per information submitted by the companies, presently the prices of M/s. Rhone Poulenc and M/s. Wockhardt for four Pefloxacin 400mg tablets are Rs. 22| and Rs. 28/- respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) To the extent informaiton is available, the prices fixed by Government are being followed by the manufacturers in respect of these formulations.

Report of International Medical Commission on Bhopal

3019. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Medical Commission on Bhopal visited Bhopal during the 10 and 22nd January, 1994;

(b) if so, whether in a report, it has regretted that Bhopal's hospital-oriented delivery of health-care was inappropriate for the chronic nature of problems;

(c) whether the Commission has pointed out that the victims witnpermanent diseases required identification, care and rehabilitation;

(d) if so, what are the other points made in the report;

(e) whether IMCB has recommended a number of measures to be taken up for those who were victims of the Bhopal Gas tragedy; and

(f) whether the finding of IMCB reveated that several survivors of the tragedy have suffered long-term damage to their brains, apart from undergoing neurotoxic changes and many have lost memory and nerve coordination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Government have not received any report from the commission.

Checking the rise in bulk drug prices

3020. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Chemicals has decided to halt price escalations based on input prices of a bulk drug beyond the statutory three years lock-in period;

(b) if so, what are the norms set out to check rise in bulk drug prices;

(c) whether in a meeting between BICP and Department of Chemicals and patrochemicals, a decision was taken to initiate the review exercise, six months before the expiry of three years lock-in period, for which a revision is valid;

(d) whether procedural delays on the part of the BICP and prices to formulate fresh norms will also be cut drovn; and

(e) if so, to what extent a time table set for price review has helped in checkmg the rise of bulk drug prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) BICP has been asked to complete all the pending cost-cum-technical studies of indigenously produced scheduled bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987.

Joint ventures with Gulf countries for setting up Fertilizer Plant

3021. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MOHD KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1273 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the details about the Indian corporations venturing for joint collaboration, size of the plants and their projected production estimates;

(b) what are the reasons for joint ventures in Gulf countries;

(c) whether these corporations would be raising capital resources in Gulf countries and at what interest rates and

(d) whether these joint ventures will overcome the shortage of fertilizers in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Limited availability of suitable raw materials in India for the manufacture of fertilizers is the main reason for Indian companies looking for opportunities for joint ventures abroad where raw material availability is easy.